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SUBJ: VENEZUELAN SONG FESTIVAL

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1. DEPT BELIEVES BEST AVAILABLE ALTERNATE FOR FESTIVAL IS JAZZ/POP SINGER MISS TEDDI KING. OVER THE PAST 20 YEARS, HER STYLE AND VARIED REPERTOIRE OF OLD FAVORITES (COLE PORTER, IRVING BERLIN, DUKE ELLINGTON), HAVE BROUGHT HER APPEARANCES AT THE NEWPORT JAZZ FESTIVAL AS WELL AS MAJOR CLUBS AND HOTELS IN U.S. AND ABROAD. TV CREDITS INCLUDE JACK PAAR, MERV GRIFFIN, MIKE DOUGLAS, TONIGHT AND TODAY SHOWS. HAS RECORDED FOR RCA VICTOR (WITH HUGO WINTERHALTER ORCHESTRA), MGM AND STORYVILLE. PERFORMED ABOUT 15 YEARS AGO IN MARACAIBO AND POSSIBLY CARACAS AS VOCALIST WITH GEORGE SHEARING ORCHESTRA. POUCHING PRESS CLIPS, PHOTOS, AND RECORDS.

2. FOR FESTIVAL ONLY, KING'S FEE IS DOLS 2,000 PLUS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL, ROOM AND BOARD FOR THREE (SELF, PIANIST, AND DRUMMER/HUSBAND). DRUMS CAN BE PROVIDED LOCALLY TO AVOID TRANSPORTATION EXPENSE.

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3. KING VERY INTERESTED IN PROPOSED ADDITIONAL TV, HOTEL OR CLUB DATES. IF EMB IS ABLE TO CONFIRM COMMERCIAL ENGAGEMENTS, KING'S FEE FOR FESTIVAL COULD BE REDUCED AS MUCH AS DOLS 1000. FEE FOR SINGLE TV APPEARANCE IS DOLS 1500. FEE FOR ONE WEEK IN HOTEL OR CLUB IS DOLS 4500 (SIX NIGHTS WITH 1 OR 2 APPEARANCES PER NIGHT DEPENDING ON USUAL LOCAL HOTEL/CLUB POLICY).

4. HER FESTIVAL FEE WOULD BE REDUCED TO DOLS 1500 IF EITHER TV OR WEEK AT HOTEL/CLUB ARRANGED. IF BOTH ARRANGED, FESTIVAL FEE WOULD BE DOLS 1000.

5. ROOM AND BOARD FOR THREE PEOPLE ALSO REQUIRED DURING COMMERCIAL ENGAGEMENTS WHICH CANNOT EXTEND BEYOND OCT. 13.

6. ALTHOUGH LOCAL BACKUP MUSICIANS MAY BE AVAILABLE AS SUGGESTED BY FESTIVAL, KING (AS WITH MOST ARTISTS OF THIS TYPE) MUST BRING KEY ACCOMPANISTS FAMILIAR WITH HER PERFORMANCE TECHNIQUE.

7. CABLE WHETHER KING ACCEPTABLE. IF SO, FESTIVAL AND/OR POST SHOULD ALSO CONFIRM ARRANGEMENTS DIRECTLY WITH HER IN WRITING (INFO CU/CP). ADDRESS IS 825 WEST END AVENUE, APT 12-G, NEW YORK CITY, 10025. ROGERS

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